

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A flat self-adhering plaster having ~~a multi-layer construction and~~ reduced cold flow, consisting of a cover, a layer of adhesive which attaches to skin having a core of adhesive made flowable by a plasticizing additive, ~~and a ring of adhesive free of a plasticizing additive~~, wherein the adhesive of said ring has a reduced flowability and stronger cohesion to skin to that of said core, wherein said ring surrounds said core, and wherein said core is the only pharmaceutical or cosmetic active agent area, and a removable carrier.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A plaster according to claim 1, wherein the ~~multi-layer construction comprises a cover, the layer of adhesive and a removable carrier, which~~ removable carrier acts as a temporary cover and which is present on a side of the layer of adhesive opposite the cover.

4. (Currently Amended) A plaster according to claim ~~3~~1, wherein the cover consists essentially of a film of plastic, woven fabric or non-woven fabric.

5. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 3, wherein the carrier consists essentially of a film of plastic, paper or a laminate thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 4, wherein the film of plastic consists essentially of a film of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene, polypropylene or polyvinyl chloride.

7. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 5, wherein the carrier possesses a release coating.

8. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 7, wherein the release coating consists essentially of a silicone layer or fluoro-silicone layer.

9. (Previously Presented) The plaster according to claim 1, wherein the plasticizing additive is selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical agents, cosmetic active agents, resins and plasticizers.

10. (Currently Amended) A flat self-adhering plaster having ~~a multi-layer construction and~~ reduced cold flow, ~~comprised~~ consisting of a layer of adhesive adapted to attach to skin and comprising a core of flowable adhesive comprised of a polymer or a mixture of polymers, and a ring of adhesive being an adhesive having reduced flowability to that of the core, wherein said ring of adhesive is comprised of a different polymer or different mixture of polymers from that of said core, and wherein said ring surrounds said core.